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SUBJECT: ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS: CONVERSATION WITH BARONA LOBATO

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1. POL COUNSELOR THIS MORNING MET WITH ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISOR OF FOREIGN SECRETARIAT, BARONA LOBATO, FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND CURRENT INFORMATION ON ILLEGALS ISSUE.

2. EMBOFF INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBLE MEETINGS OF RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONS OR PERHAPS PRELIMINARY MEETING OF A FEW MEMBERS FROM EACH SIDE. BARONA WAS COMPLETELY NON-COMMITTAL AS TO MEXICAN ATTITUDE. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE MUST CONSULT WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA BECAUSE "THIS WAS A POLITICAL MATTER", PARTICULARLY "IN LIGHT OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S COMMENTS" IN HIS SEPT. 1 ADDRESS. HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO SEE RABASA BECAUSE OF LATTER'S BUSY SCHEDULE; BARONA APOLOGIZED FOR LONG DELAY IN ANSWERING EMBASSY NOTE ON SUBJECT OF COMMISSION MEETING.

3. EMBOFF REFERRED TO CHANGE IN GOM POSITION ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA LAST OCTOBER, I.E. THAT MEXICO WOULD NO LONGER SOLICIT A NEW BRACERO AGREEMENT. IN LIGHT OF THAT CHANGE, EMBOFF ASKED BARONA ON ENTIRELY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFORMAL BASIS WHAT HE NOW CONSIDERED PRIMARY GOM OBJEC-

TIVES ON ILLEGALS ISSUE. BARONA REPLIED (AT LENGTH) THAT A PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OR ASPIRATION WAS SOME U.S. MEASURE TO REGULARIZE STATUS OF MEXICANS WHO HAVE BEEN IN U.S. ILLEGALLY "FOR THREE OR FOUR OR MORE YEARS". HE ALSO DETAILED HIS PERSONAL VIEWS ON THE DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING "LABOR RIGHTS" AS WELL AS THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN RIGHTS FOR "UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANT WORKERS". HE MENTIONED GOM EFFORTS TO DEVELOP THIS CONCEPT IN ILO AND UN, AND DESCRIBED IT AS A CONCEPT OF GLOBAL, NOT MERELY BILATERAL SIGNIFICANCE. IF MEXICAN ILLEGALS MIGHT HAVE THEIR STATUS REGULARIZED, EITHER THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURE OR VIA LEGISLATION, THE GOM, HE THOUGHT, MIGHT IN RETURN BE MORE UNDERSTANDING OF "ENERGETICE" U.S. MEASURES TAKEN TO BLOCK FLOW OF NEW ILLEGALS. FINALLY, HE SAID STILL EXPRESSING PERSONAL OPINION, ROOTS OF THE ILLEGAL MIGRATION PROBLEM MIGHT MORE EFFECTVELY BE ATTACKED IF SOFT LOANS AND SOME TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEXICO FOR THE LONG-RANGE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING MORE JOBS FOR WOULD-BE MIGRANTS. (COMMENT: THIS IS TO THE EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE FIRST TIME GOM OFFICIAL HAS RAISED POSSIBILITY OF U.S. MATERIAL ASSISTANCE ON THIS ISSUE EVEN ON AN INFORMAL BASIS.)

4. EMBOFF INQUIRED ABOUT PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS IN HIS INFORME (SEE REFTEL). BARONA WAS SOMEWHAT SHAMEFACED AND OBVIOUSLY HAD NO SATISFACTORY ANSWER WITH RESPECT TO PRESIDENT'S REPORTED COMMENTS ON UNACCEPTABLE U.S. CONDITIONS FOR A NEW BRACERO AGREEMENT. HE SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY THAT ECHEVERRIA'S REFERENCE MIGHT HAVE BEEN TO PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN TWO PRESIDENTS AT BORDER LAST OCTOBER. EMBOFF POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT ECHEVERRIA'S SWITCH ON BRACERO ISSUE OCCURRED SOME DAYS BEFORE MEETING. IN THE END BARON MADE CLEAR THAT FINAL DRAFT OF PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS WAS NOT CLEARED WITH HIM AND HAD BEEN PREPARED IN PRESIDENCY. EMOBFF DID NOT PRESS ISSUE.

5. COMMENT: BARONA, THOUGH WELL-MEANING AND LIKABLE, IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO STIMULATE TO ACTION OR DECISION. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN SCANTY INFORMATION SET FORTH ABOVE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBOFF HAD TO ENDURE ONCE AGAIN OVER AN HOUR OF BARONA'S HISTORICAL-SOCIOLOGICAL-PHILOSOPHICAL THEORIZING ON THE NATURE OF ILLEGALS PROBLEM, DIFFERENCES IN AGRICULTURAL TECHNIQUES AMONG MEXICANS, SWISS, JAPANESE, ETC. RELIABLE SOURCE CLOSE TO THE SECRETARY OF LABOR (REPRESENTED ON MEXICAN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE BARONA HEADS) TOLD EMBOFF THAT SECLABOR EXTREMELY UNHAPPY WITH BARONA'S LEADERSHIP. IT SEEMS MOST UNLIKELY THAT GOM WILL MOVE

FORWARD RAPIDLY IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE SO
LONG AS BARONA OCCUPIES KEY POSITION. IT MAY WELL BE,
HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS PRECISELY THE REASON BARONA FILLS
THAT POSITION.
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